



BEAD PRIORITY APPLICATION CHECKLIST

BEAD Priority Applications will request information to support minimum BEAD eligibility requirements regarding financial and organizational capability and project plan information.
Note: This is not a comprehensive list and additional information may be required.

Project Plan Information

- Project plan** for each proposed project area, construction plan, including estimated project costs, project timeline, network designs, and relevant milestones for implementation of end-to-end fiber projects.
- Certification from Professional Engineer** certifying that the project plan materials provided are reasonable and could be achieved within a four-year deployment timeline.
- Network design and diagram** illustrating the logical network design and project area boundaries.
- Commitments** that applicant will offer low-cost plan and participate in any ACP successor program.

Scoring Criteria

- BEAD funding request** and proposed match to be scored under Minimal BEAD Program Outlay.
- Price for a 1Gbps symmetrical** internet service plan that will be offered to all BEAD funded Broadband Service Locations (BSL) within the service area after deployment is completed.
- Fair labor practices** documentation evidencing compliance with federal labor laws and forward-looking commitment to adhere to all state and federal fair labor laws.
- Speed to deployment** commitment to provide service earlier than the four-year deadline.
- Natural hazard narrative** detailing how applicant will mitigate natural hazard risk in building and operating broadband infrastructure (plus additional narrative for projects with a high-risk Census Block Group (CBG)).
- Letter of support** from the municipal government (or Resolution of Consent or equivalent document from a Tribal government) from the jurisdiction that has the most BSLs within their proposed project area.

Financial Information

- Letter of credit** or letter from a bank confirming the commitment to issuing an irrevocable standby letter of credit (ILOC) or bond. Alternatively, a [conditional programmatic waiver](#) if the subgrantee applicant does not obtain an ILOC.
- Template pro forma model** that includes at a minimum estimated capital and operating expenditures (e.g., labor, materials, regulatory costs, etc.) and revenue from BEAD-deployed infrastructure in each proposed project area.
- Budget narrative** that details critical assumptions and overall approach.

Organizational and Managerial Information

- Legal opinion** attesting to compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local labor and employment laws—as well as detailing any past violations or pending court proceedings.
- Resumes** of key personnel, including financial, technical, and management personnel (if applicable).
- Notification plan narrative** detailing how the applicant intends to notify relevant populations of the new or newly upgraded offerings available in each area.